

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF:

STACY RAYFIELD, R.N., A.P.N.

Complaint No: 200900892

TENN. A.P.N. CERTIFICATE
OF FITNESS NO. 10476

This cause came on to be heard on the 3RD day of June, 2010, at a public meeting, before a duly authorized panel of the Tennessee Board of Nursing, upon the application of the State for a summary suspension of respondent's license pursuant to T. C.A. Section 4-5-320(c).

The Tennessee Board of Nursing (“Board”) is responsible for the regulation and supervision of the practice of nursing, including Family Nurse Practitioners with Certificates of Fitness and Registered Nurses, in the State of Tennessee. T.C.A. Section 63-7-101, *et seq.* The Board has the duty and power to suspend or revoke or otherwise discipline a licensee who has violated the provisions of Title 63, Chapter 7. T.C.A. Section 63-7-115(A)(1). Under T.C.A. Section 4-5-320(c), the Board has the authority to summarily suspend a license if it finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively require emergency action.

FACTS

1. From the proof presented at the summary hearing, and as found in the records of the Board, the Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto certified by the Board as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, including a Certificate of Fitness to prescribe legend drugs, in the State of Tennessee, having been granted certificate number 10476 on August 13, 2004. The Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a Registered Nurse in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 111387 on June 21, 1996.

2. From on or about November 2007 through January 2009, Respondent practiced nursing, as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, at Bell Family Medical Clinic (located in Murfreesboro, Tennessee) and Middle Tennessee Medical (located in LaVergne, Tennessee), under her supervising physician. After leaving this practice, Respondent has continued to practice as a nurse practitioner, and most recently has practiced at National Urgent Care (located in Tullahoma, Tennessee). At National Urgent Care, Respondent worked in the place of another advanced practice nurse, while she was on vacation during the week of May 17, 2010. Since that time, Respondent has continued to write narcotic prescriptions under a different supervising physician.

3. Respondent caused false, misleading, and inaccurate patient information to be entered into the database computer records of Bell Family Medical and/or Middle Tennessee Medical for approximately 116 individuals. These entities have no record of such persons as patients and can not verify their identity or establish their existence. The Respondent wrote narcotic prescriptions to these purported patients using her state and federal prescribing privileges. It was often the intent of the Respondent that the person or

persons picking up such prescriptions would share a portion of the medication with the Respondent for her personal use. The failure to prescribe appropriately is in violation of T.C.A. Sections 63-7-115 and 63-7-123 and Nursing Rules 1000-01-.13(1), (10), (b), (d), (r), (s), (u), and (w); and Nursing Rules 1000-04-.08 and .09. Such actions are also below the accepted standard of care in the locality in which the Respondent practices and constitute a pattern of unprofessional and deceptive conduct.

4. From on or around November 2007 through January 2009, Respondent prescribed controlled substances to her co-workers, their family members, and their friends, including but not limited to Nicole Avery, Mallory Walden and Geraldine Brown, and/or their family members and/or friends. Respondent admits that she prescribed drugs, including narcotics, to such co-workers, family members, and/or friends. Respondent also admits that in the case of Nicole Avery, she prescribed narcotics to Ms. Avery with the intent that Ms. Avery would fill prescriptions and return a portion of the medication to the Respondent for her personal use. The failure to prescribe appropriately is in violation of T.C.A. Sections 63-7-115 and 63-7-123 and Nursing Rules 1000-01-.13(1), (10), (b), (d), (r), (s), (u), and (w); and Nursing Rules 1000-04-.08 and .09. Such actions are also below the accepted standard of care in the locality in which the Respondent practices and constitute a pattern of unprofessional and deceptive conduct.

SUSPENSION

In consideration of the evidence presented and pursuant to the authority granted under T.C.A. Sections 4-5-320(c) and 63-7-115 *et seq.* and 63-7-123 *et seq.*, and Rules of the Board of Nursing, Chapters 1000-01-.13 *et seq.* and 1000-04-.08 and .09, the Board hereby preliminarily finds that Respondent's (**Stacy Rayfield, R.N., A.P.N.**) pattern of

substandard care, inappropriate prescribing, unprofessional conduct, and deceptive practices is so severe that it imperatively requires emergency action in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare prior to the initiation of formal disciplinary charges.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

1. Respondent's Tennessee license and certificate of fitness to engage in the practice of nursing, R.N. License Number 111387 and A.P.N. Certificate of Fitness Number 10476, be and hereby are **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**;
2. Upon issue of this Order, Respondent shall cease and desist from practicing nursing in the state of Tennessee;
3. Respondent shall not practice any health related profession nor in any health related field unless permission is sought from and granted by the Board;
4. This suspension shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Tennessee Board of Nursing;
5. Pursuant to T.C.A. Section 4-5-320(d)(1), Respondent may present her version of the situation to the Board at an informal conference on June 9, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the Poplar Room, 227 French Landing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee; and
6. The sole issue at the informal conference mentioned above shall be: whether the public health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action by the Board.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of June, 2010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl Ransom", written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Nursing